

THE DEMOCRAT

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CURRENT COMMENT.

OWING to a strike of printers at Rome, Italy, on the 26th, no papers appeared next morning.

The New York senate adjourned sine die without having acted on the assembly's amendments to the world's fair appropriation bill, which is thus killed.

The board of managers of the New York produce exchange has ordered the unit of trading in wheat options from 3,000 to 5,000 bushels, to take effect July 1 next.

GEN. W. A. STRONG, the defaulting and absconding ex-secretary of state of Louisiana, has returned to his native land. He had been living in Mexico and the constant dread of arrest caused him to return.

ONE result of the German coal miners' strike is that a coal famine is impending. The iron foundries in the Sieg valley have been compelled to withdraw their fires in consequence of the scarcity of coal, and most of the steel works along the Rhine have been forced to stop operations for the same reason.

A BERLIN dispatch says that the drinking habit of the kaiser has again become a topic of remark. At a recent dinner he toasted the Austrian military attaché five times and the Italian military attaché as often, each time emptying his glass. His remarks were incoherent and caused a painful impression.

ONE hundred thousand Germans have united in requesting the Bavarian authorities to preserve the castle walls of Nuremberg, where a work of demolition and renovation has been in progress. The regent prince, Ludwig, has decided after consulting with the ministry, to grant the request and the walls will be spared as a monument of medieval Germany.

THE recent terrible accident on the Lake Shore road, in which several postal clerks lost their lives, has spread consternation among the clerks of that division. Eleven of them have sent in their resignations, some of them by wire. The retirement of these, together with those killed and wounded in the collision at Kipton, O., has badly crippled the system.

THE jury in the case of Plenty Horses, the Sioux Indian on trial for the murder of Lieut. Casey at the time of the late uprising, composed of Indians, disagreed and was discharged. The recalcitrant jurors refused to vote for conviction because the court refused the defendant an interpreter, the refusal being based on the ground that Plenty Horses was able to talk English fluently and understand it perfectly.

AMONG the Jews who recently emigrated by way of Posen from Russia is one Isaac Roseblatt, whose case has aroused considerable attention. He bears on his leg an iron over which the skin has partly grown and which was fastened on him five years ago in a Russian prison at Kieff, from which Roseblatt attempted to escape after being arrested on a charge of proselytizing for Judaism. It is feared that the removal of the iron now might have a serious result.

UNITED STATES TREASURER NERCKE has issued a circular stating that banks throughout the United States will, on application, be furnished, at the expense of the treasury department, with \$200 in subsidiary silver coin. The circular will also state that the supply of standard silver dollars in the treasury, except those upon which silver certificates have been issued, is practically exhausted. This is the first step in Secretary Foster's plan to put the subsidiary coin into circulation.

A BERLIN dispatch says that the absence of Prince Bismarck from the kaiser's functions caused great disappointment. Had he been present he would have received as marked an ovation as the occasion permitted. The statement that the prince was ill is believed to be true, as he had lately been complaining of a slight bronchial disturbance, and his mother, his mother-in-law, and his sister-in-law, were all taking his usual exercise. On the other hand, it is not doubted that he would have been present but for the strained relations with the kaiser.

THE aged widow of Jouvin, the great glove maker, died at Providence, France, a few days ago. That famous glove manufacturer has been honored by his fellow townsmen with a statue. Jouvin's most important achievement was the invention of a machine for cutting out leather gloves, and caused quite a revolution in glove manufacture by introducing the thumb with one piece of material. At present thousands of men and women are employed by the Maison Jouvin, and when the founder of the firm died he was possessed of several millions and the fame of his gloves had spread over the whole of the civilized world.

A LIVELY riot is reported from Cardigan, Wales. An auctioneer, under the protection of the chief constable, was engaged in selling farm produce for unpaid tithes, when a crowd of people assembled, and determined to put an end to the sale. They were armed with eggs of a veteran vintage, and with these they began bombarding the auctioneer and chief constable. These parties were soon plastered with the odorous stuff, but tried to drive away the crowd by threats of prosecution. This enraged the people more, and they set fire to the furze and seized the auctioneer and tried to duck him in an adjoining pond. He pleaded and promised to give up the sale if they would let him go, which they did.

THERE is considerable excitement in the Chickasaw nation, occasioned by the news that the Indian commissioner has ordered the removal of intruders from the nation. There are six thousand of these people, most of whom have crops planted and should they be removed the nation is too far advanced to enable them to raise crops elsewhere this year, and as they are all poor people great deprivation and suffering must follow their ejection from that country. But the Indian government is determined that they shall go, and now that the United States government has decided likewise, there seems to be no hope that they will be allowed to remain there to enjoy the fruits of this season's labor.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.
EX-KING TAMARCA, of Samoa, is dead. He suffered from Bright's disease of the kidneys.

The Chinese government on the 26th notified the state department of its unwillingness to receive ex-Senator Blair as United States minister.

STEPHEN B. ELKINS is authority for a statement that Mr. Blair will not be a candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency.

MISS PROVER W. COUZINS has applied to the circuit court at Chicago to prevent her removal as secretary of the ladies' board of the world's fair.

PRESIDENT POLK, of the Farmers' Alliance, has issued a proclamation to the order in which he sets forth the plan which the national executive board has adopted, and counsels the alliance to cease all bickering and to get rid of disloyal members.

RECENTLY dispatched report that Minister Carter has resigned from the cabinet and that the people are clamoring for a republic. It is said that the life of the queen is in danger. No particulars were obtainable.

The American Protective Tariff league had a banquet at Madison square garden, New York, on the night of the 26th. Cornelius N. Bliss presided.

The sensation in Chicago on the 26th was the disappearance of B. P. Hutchinson, ("Old Hutch"), the grain speculator, who was declared to be insolvent and demented over his losses.

PROF. JOSEPH LEIDY, the expert on biological subjects, died at Philadelphia recently. His brother, the well known practitioner, also died about the same time.

The convention of the Episcopal church in the diocese of Massachusetts elected Rev. Phillips Brooks, of Trinity church, Boston, to the office of bishop to succeed the late Bishop Paddock. The vote was 92 to 58.

MINISTER BLAIR has been summoned back to Washington.

The newspaper announcement is made that the armies of France on the frontier of Germany will be exercised in night military maneuvers on a formidable scale.

ADRIEN MARIE, the French painter, has died of yellow fever in Senegal.

QUEEN VICTORIA has returned to Windsor castle from her trip to southern France.

The Canadian parliament met on the 26th. The governor-general's address referred to pending questions with the United States, which were in process of settlement.

PRINCE BISMARCK was elected in the supplementary balloting in the Geste-münde district, polling about one-third more than Smallfield, the socialist.

B. F. HUTCHINSON, the Chicago grain operator, was found wandering aimlessly around at Evansville, Ind.

GEN. VEAZEY, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, says that Secretary Proctor will succeed Edmunds in the United States senate, and that Gen. Alger will go into the cabinet as Proctor's successor.

WALTER S. MAXWELL, of California, has been appointed chief of the horticultural department of the world's fair.

MISCELLANEOUS.
RUMORS of a general strike May 1 of coal miners in India, seems to be sustained by statements made by W. H. Scott, president of the miners' association of Iowa.

An accident by which four persons were killed and several injured occurred on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Gaithersburg, near Washington.

The vote for bonds for building new waterworks carried in Kansas City, Mo., by five to one.

REV. FATHER BRIDGY, of Minneapolis, Minn., being in New York recently with \$2,500 in his possession, confided the money to a policeman he met on the street for safe keeping. Next morning he tried to find the policeman, but he was not there.

INVESTIGATION showed that the Ninth national bank, of New York, had been defrauded of \$400,000 by J. T. Hill, the president, who died a month ago.

The Chicago mining stock exchange was formally opened on the 26th. Besides some hundreds of Chicagoans present there were visiting brokers from San Francisco, Helena, Butte, St. Louis and other cities.

UNDER instructions from Washington, the Guthrie land office will wind up all contests here by June 30. Final proof has been allowed in the case of Townsend vs. the city of Edmond.

CHIEF TWO STRIKES denies that the Sioux are negotiating hostilities.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., had a \$250,000 fire on the 26th, commencing in the Campbell furniture factory.

The Empress of India, the first of the new Canadian Pacific line steamers, arrived off the harbor at Victoria, B. C., on the 26th, exactly ten days, four hours and thirty-six minutes from Yokohama, making the best time on record.

It was found that five men were killed in the recent collision on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Washington.

A FOUNTAIN and statue in memory of Henry Bergh, founder of the American society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, was unveiled in Milwaukee recently.

The opera house at Troy, Ala., collapsed recently while a company of young people were rehearsing. Two young ladies were killed and two others seriously injured.

JAY GOULD proposes a mortgage of \$25,000,000 for the Union Pacific.

The priests and pastors of Moscow are overwhelmed with requests from Jews for baptism in order to avoid expulsion. The expelled Jews are cruelly treated, being marched out of the city adrift, chained in bands by the wrists. The Russians afterward pillage the deserted shops and houses.

THERE have been 60,449 immigrants landed at New York during April and May. The number landed last April was 49,084.

The Union Pacific railway's annual report is not so unfavorable as was expected, the deficit for the whole system being only \$275,000.

THE A. S. Whitney organ factory at Quincy, Ill., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$45,000.

By the explosion of the boiler of a locomotive near Dayton, O., one man was fatally and two others badly hurt.

SEVEN crofters, who had recently come from Scotland, went out fishing at Victoria, B. C. While returning, one of the boats with three men was overturned and all drowned.

FOREST fires in Atlantic county, N. J., were quite alarming and destructive. The timber destroyed was valued to be worth \$100,000. Several villages were threatened.

SEIZURE of a circus was blown over at Tiffin, O. A lady had her skull fractured by a falling tent pole.

An individual known as "Frenchy No. 1," under arrest, is thought to have murdered and mutilated the woman Carrie Brown, alias "Shakespeare," at New York. Jealousy was the motive.

DESTRUCTIVE fires are raging in the Blue mountains near Reading, Pa. Fire on the South mountain has covered an area of six miles long by two miles wide. The air is filled with dense smoke.

ONLY four of the 3,297 immigrants who arrived at Baltimore on the 30th will be returned to Europe.

THE Paris salon opened with 700 pictures less than the usual number exhibited.

MAY day in Europe was attended by conflicts in several places. There was a serious encounter at Rome. Among the fatally wounded was Cipriani, a radical deputy. There was serious disorder at Lyons and also disturbances at other cities in France.

The master builders and stonemasons of Boston have compromised on nine hours work and extra pay for overtime and holidays.

THE Baltimore sugar refinery stock has been pooled and put in charge of a trust company for five years to keep it out of the sugar combine.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended April 30 numbered 355, compared with 347 the previous week and 214 the week before.

GREEK Christians have been pillaging and otherwise mistreating Jews in the Ionian islands.

GREAT excitement was reported at Tahlequah, I. T., because of the threatening attitude of Creek negroes determined on avenging a black man's death.

THE public debt statement showed a net decrease during the month of April of \$1,514,327.

WILLIAM REEL, a correspondent at Waco, Tex., for a scandal paper at Kansas City, Mo., was recently given seventy lashes stripped, tarred and feathered and ridden on a rail.

THREE girls were burned to death recently in a fire which broke out in the fireworks factory of George Kramer, 1902 Union avenue, Morrisania, New York.

A CHAMBERMAID in the Rochester hotel, New York, was burned to death recently. The hotel loss was light.

EARTHQUAKE shocks of greater or less severity and duration were reported from Cotacoc, Keene, Concord, Manchester and other New Hampshire towns on the night of the 26th, in several instances giving buildings a severe shaking up.

IN the territorial court Judge Seay has overruled the demurrer of the village of Frisco in the county seat matter, and the injunction was made final, which practically leaves the seat at El Reno, Ok.

ON the Pemicokey road, opposite West Newton, Pa., an emigrant train carrying 100 Hungarians to the Erie park collided with an engine and the foreigners were thrown into a panic, imagining they had been attacked by wild beasts. The Hungarians said they had been told the strike was over and all was settled.

THE report of the stranding of a transatlantic steamer off Kinsale, Ireland, has been found to be erroneous.

CHARLES S. KAY, of Chicago, was burned to death in a fire which was caused by the explosion of a caldron of jappanning.

REPORTS from all parts of eastern Pennsylvania show that there were no strikes of any kind.

The epizootic is prevalent in portions of Ohio.

Plans for the construction of a system of waterworks at Helena, Ark., will be opened May 26.

The New York tax levy this year is but 1 1/2 mills for support only of schools and canals, no levy for general purposes being necessary.

COMPLETE returns show that Bismarck received 9,354 votes against 5,486 for Schmalzfeld.

THE Nova Scotia members of the Canadian parliament propose asking the government to increase the duty on American coal.

THE Globe tissue paper mill at Elkhart, Ind., burned. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$20,000.

THE shoe factory of John O'Connell & Sons, Marlboro, Mass., burned. Loss, \$75,000; partly insured.

NEARLY 400 granite quarriers at Barre, Vt., went on a strike, the cause being the employers' refusal to show a discrimination between union and non-union workmen.

A DISPATCH from London announces the death of Barry Sullivan.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended May 3 showed an average decrease of 2.6 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the decrease was 12.4.

DR. CRONIN's grave at Calvary cemetery, Chicago, was smothered in flowers the second anniversary of his murder.

FIVE petards were exploded at Barcelona, Spain, recently, doing much damage. A conflict between the police and strikers took place.

BUSINESS was rather quiet on the London stock exchange during the week ended May 3. Americans alone showing life. The Paris bourse was dull and weak. There was a report of a European concert against high protection in France. The Berlin bourse showed a tendency to decline.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

High Court of Impeachment.

THE court of impeachment met on the 27th with only 25 senators present. The proceedings were of little interest, arguments of the demurrer being continued.

THE court of impeachment on the 28th decided to sustain the demurrer on articles 5 and 6 and try only the charges contained in the remaining seven articles. The articles thrown out accuse the respondent, Judge Botkin, of drunkenness at a place outside of his judicial district and of purchasing liquors in joints running contrary to the law.

THE taking of testimony was commenced in the court of impeachment on the 29th. By resolution it was decided to divide the proceedings into two parts, the first being the prosecution and defense and pay each pro rata, as the amount will be insufficient to pay in full. Several witnesses testified as to the size of drinks Judge Botkin had been in the habit of taking, but notwithstanding the size of his drinks none had ever seen him intoxicated.

THE prosecution continued the taking of testimony before the court of impeachment on the 30th. Hon. W. F. Hackney appeared as additional counsel for the respondent. All the testimony given was to the effect that Judge Botkin was a hard drinker and was guilty of purchasing liquor in joints.

THE testimony in the impeachment trial on the 31st was principally of witnesses who had seen Judge Botkin drink and sometimes become extremely drunk. Much liquor it required to betoken the average judicial mind. The article charging the respondent with drunkenness was sustained by the powers was testified to by H. F. Thompson, of the Springfield Republican.

Miscellaneous.
The other day John T. McFarland, an old citizen of Topeka, died suddenly while sitting in his chair.

Following is a complete list of officers of the Women's Relief floors chosen by the Women's Relief association at Hutchinson:

Mrs. J. J. Moore, president; Mrs. O. L. Moore, senior vice; Mrs. Straight, junior vice; Mrs. Lund, treasurer; Mrs. Julia Chase, chaplain; Mrs. E. Meyer, of Wichita, secretary; Elizabeth Wharry, of Topeka, counselor; B. E. Pond, of Fort Scott, secretary.

Secretary Mohler received a letter from a banker in Russell county the other day stating that the wheat in that county was turning yellow and appeared to be dying. It was stated that a small, greenish insect, not yet matured, had been found in the wheat and was undoubtedly the cause of the blight. Senator Hays states on the authority of the sheriff of Rice county that some of the fields there were also turning yellow.

The bureau of promotion appointed by the world's fair convention to take charge of the Kansas world's fair fund, has recently at Topeka to effect a permanent organization and to frame an address to the people calling for public subscriptions. H. C. Speer, of Topeka, was made the permanent president; A. B. Montgomery, of Sherman county, vice-president; William Sims, of Topeka, secretary, and Samuel T. Howe, of Topeka, treasurer.

The eleven-year-old son of F. M. Duval, editor of the Norton Courier, during the absence of his parents the other day secured a revolver, and having, as he thought, extracted all the cartridges, proceeded to frighten the other children by snapping it at them.

THE Ladies' Aid society of the Sons of Veterans was organized here yesterday with Miss Jennie S. Taffe, of Kansas City, Kan., as president.

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KANSAS G. A. R.

The Annual Encampment at Hutchinson.

Points From the Address of the Department Commander—New Commander Elected—The Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., April 30.—The city is brilliantly and lavishly decorated with bunting in honor of the tenth annual encampment of the Kansas G. A. R., which met yesterday.

All the incoming morning trains were heavily crowded with delegates and visitors, and it is estimated that last night there were fully 4,000 strangers in the city. Gov. Humphrey and other state officials arrived yesterday morning, as did most of the old war horses who make a point of attending every gathering of the kind in the state.

At 2 o'clock Mayor Campbell made the address of welcome.

In his annual address Department Commander Ira F. Collins entered into an extended discussion of the condition of the order. He deplored the fact that so many discouragements should have met the work of the previous year, but despite it all the order had gained ground. The failure of Topeka and Ellsworth to comply with promises relative to permanent headquarters for reunions was dwelt upon at length and hope expressed that better things were in store. He admitted the failure of permanent reunion grounds and advocated changing places yearly, the expenses to be paid by adding \$1 to each railway ticket. Under the head, "The G. A. R. in Politics," Commander Collins said:

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